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NUMBER I

COLLEGE NOTES.

Glad and grateful New-Year's greetings among ourselves, and cordial salutations to all our patrons and friends, may well be allowed a first place in this number of the BULLETIN. This seems also a most proper thing because of the new and "improved" dress which it has felt encouraged to present itself at the opening of another season.

In December it gave a modest promise of some progressive change in the near future. It was hardly hoped then that the step in advance could be taken so soon. Measures have been adopted, however, which warrant the improvement, and make it possible without additional charge to subscribers. And unless expectations disappoint, other improvements may soon follow. The BULLETIN has not only come to stay, but hopes to grow as the months advance.

(See the terms for the year on page 4.)

After a pleasant vacation spent in refreshing enjoyments, and with two weeks of weather exceptionally favorable for the season, the students seem glad to get back to their books and class-rooms, and ready to take hold of their College work with fresh zest and zeal. Many new students have already (January 4th, P. M.) arrived. Among these are three who come over a hundred miles from home, all expecting

to take a full course of study, and two of them with a view to the gospel ministry.

It is gratifying to know that many of the young men, especially of the theological classes, sought and improved opportunities of doing good during the holy-days by addressing Sunday-schools and rendering other religious services. It is not only true that

"Religion never was designed
To make our pleasures less,"

but at least equally true that

Our earthly joys are e'er enhanced
When sanctified by grace.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The fifteenth anniversary of the *Schaff Society* was held, according to previous announcement, on the evening of December 16th. A large audience filled the hall and gave warm expression to the pleasure afforded by the addresses of the several orators of the occasion, and by the music rendered. Each speaker acquitted himself so well that it might be invidious to draw a line of distinction between them; although the Eulogy on GRANT was so popular a theme, that, apart from the intrinsic merits of the performance, it drew loud applause. The entertainment was highly creditable to the young men, and bore witness in favor of the educational work of the College. The opening prayer was made by the Rev. Aaron Spangler, of York, Pa.

Whilst the regular work of the several Literary Societies of the College would no doubt bear comparison with that done by similar associations elsewhere, there is unquestionable room for improvement. And this especially in two respects relating to two chief purposes of such organizations. *One* concerns the manner of conducting the weekly meetings, the *order* of business. The Society is designed in part to be a school of practice in the management and conduct of public assemblies. "Rules of Order" are adopted for this purpose. But if such rules shall serve their end, and train those under them for presiding over public meetings of whatever kind, and for participating worthily in their proceedings, they must be enforced with easy dignity, and be duly respected by the members. Unless this is done there will be danger of the meetings degenerating into disorderly conclaves, and of the demoralization of the Society itself.

Another matter open to amendment relates to the special duties assigned from time to time to the members. These are often very carelessly performed. Sufficient time and thought are not given to preparation for them. And this, commonly, not because other studies press (for those most diligent in their regular work are apt to be the most energetic members of their Society), but because of sluggish indifference. The effects of such slothfulness soon show their bad influence upon the life and spirit of the Society. Its meetings become dull and uninteresting. The essays, orations, debates, sink into slovenly, slipshod perform-

ances, which fail to instruct or to stimulate those compelled to put up with them. Poor jokes are substituted for sound sense. Low slang is indulged in contempt of good taste. The whole thing becomes a sort of negro minstrel burlesque. No wonder, when this is the case, that the members become disgusted with themselves and the Society, and indifferent about punctual attendance.

Such a state of things should not exist. The remedy is at hand and may be easily applied. Let it be done if there is need of it.

ALUMNI ITEMS.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. G. Neff, '74, has resigned the pastorate of the Bangor charge in Northampton county, Pa.

Rev. D. U. Wolff, '75, has been compelled to relinquish his work in the New Oxford charge, Adams county, Pa., on account of impaired health. The charge has offered him a respite from work to recruit his health, but his physician advises a vacation of several years.

Rev. L. D. Stambaugh, a graduate of the Theological Department, has organized a new congregation within the bounds of his charge in Berks county, at New Shæfferstown, Pa., with thirty-two communicants.

The following Alumni took part in the quarter centennial anniversary of Dr. Wolff's pastorate at Myerstown, Pa.: Rev. H. T. Spangler, '73, Collegeville; Rev. M. H. Groh, '74, Landisburg; Prof. A. M. Tice, '74, Lebanon; Prof. J. M. Leisse, '75, Palatinate Col-

lege, Myerstown; Rev. D. U. Wolff, '75, New Oxford; J. W. Meminger, '84, and Rev. H. Leisse, Orwigsburg, Pa., a theological alumnus of '73.

Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, '75, of Brown-back's charge, Chester County, has accepted the call to Paradise charge, near Milton, Pa. He was elected by the congregations in Chester County immediately after his lamented father's death in 1877, and has served them so faithfully and acceptably since then, that it is not surprising that there was great reluctance to accept his resignation. But the path of duty seemed so clearly marked in the case that no choice was left but to take it.

THE REFORMATION FESTIVAL.

No event of modern times is so deserving of special commemoration as the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century. It marks a most notable epoch in the world's history. And this not only in a religious or ecclesiastical respect, but in its transforming and elevating influence upon civilization, society and the State. By its moral and spiritual power, under God and as an agency in his hands, greater and better changes have been wrought among nations and governments than were effected during the preceding thirteen centuries. That the benefits thus secured to humanity are not often duly appreciated, any more than are those conferred by the natural elements; that they are, indeed, even disparaged or ignored, because more has not been accomplished, or because evil has managed to mix itself with the good; this can no more be laid to the charge of true Protestantism, than

the Romish Church can claim credit for some good things found in Spain or Mexico in spite of its baneful influence.

Altogether too much is owed, instrumentally, to the Reformation, and especially by Europe and America, to allow it to be forgotten. And too much depends for both upon keeping its principles and heroic men in lively remembrance by proper memorial services to permit them to be forgotten and neglected.

That branch of evangelical Protestantism known by the general title of *Reformed Churches* (including not only those distinctively so called, but the large and influential bodies of Presbyterians and Congregationalists as well as some others, all holding essentially the same Gospel principles, faith and customs), has most emphatic reasons for observing such a memorial. Those reasons cannot be now named in detail.

But recognizing their force, the General Synod of the Reformed (German) Church in the United States has set apart

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JANUARY of each year as a day of such special commemoration. This year, therefore, *the 17th of the month* will be the day of the festival, and it is to be hoped that it will be generally and devoutly celebrated. The month of January was selected as that distinguished by many important events in the lives of our Reformers, and in the early history of the Church. These will furnish themes and suggest illustrations which may easily be turned to interesting and inspiring account. Remember

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JANUARY.

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Short contributions of items and articles in harmony with these purposes are solicited, not only from the Alumni, but from all the friends of Ursinus College. They can do much in this way to make it interesting and effective.

SPECIAL TOPICS.

"DEFENDING THE FAITH."

At the recent sessions of the Eastern Synod, which convened in Mifflinburg in the month of October, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Inasmuch as the present age is characterized by a spurious liberality and rationalistic tendency in the sphere of theology and philosophy, threatening to unsettle and undermine the established faith of the Church, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod, alive to the dangers from the tendency in question, earnestly exhort its ministers and all our people to be on their guard against all tendencies that threaten danger to the accepted theology of the Church, and to remain true to the peace compact adopted by the General Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod will give its earnest support to all teachers in our several institutions in resisting and exposing the

various errors of the times, and will sustain the editors of all our periodicals in excluding articles that are even of a doubtful character, whilst encouraging them to invite articles true to our standards, and that earnestly vindicate the "faith once delivered to the saints."

JOHN P. STEIN,

Stated Clerk Synod of United States.

There was special need for the presentation of such a paper as the above and its author, the Rev. Dr. Kremer, of Lebanon, deserves thanks for having, wholly on his own responsibility, prepared and offered it. And it is a gratifying fact that it was unanimously adopted by the Synod. It seems sometimes as though there was a concerted plan among a few restless and erratic minds in different sections simultaneously to assail fundamental doctrines of the Gospel, doctrines which have constituted the historical faith of Christianity since the age of the Apostles, and thus destroy the entire fabric of that faith. And one of the worst features of such assaults is that they are made under the mask of efforts only to *reconstruct* the faith on a more solid, philosophical and scientific basis! But there is no space now to deal as it deserves with the theme thus opened, and happily opened for legitimate discussion by the Synod itself.

COURSE OF STUDY.

In answer to the question that has naturally been asked at different times, "How does the Course of Study at Ursinus compare with that of other institutions?" we print it in this number of the BULLETIN side by side with the course at Franklin and Marshall College, the other leading College of

the Reformed Church in the east. As rivals in the same line of work or business are sometimes tempted to resort to falsehood with the hope of helping their cause, it is a matter of sincere congratulation that nothing with reference to the course of study can be truthfully said to the detriment of either of these two institutions in comparison with the other. In some directions the course at Ursinus is the fuller, in others the course at Lancaster. The friends of each institution may justly be proud of the high grade that is maintained, and it is to be hoped that the two Colleges will increasingly stimulate each other in advancing the scholarship of the Church.

Friends who desire any copies of this comparative statement, for reference or use among acquaintances, can obtain them by addressing the BULLETIN.

Entrance Examinations.

Ursinus College. F. and M. College.

LATIN.

Grammar, Latin Prose,	Grammar,
Cæsar's Com. (4 bks.)	Cæsar's Com.
Virgil's Æneid (4 bks.)	Virgil's Æneid,
Cicero's Orations.	Cicero's Orations.

GREEK.

Grammar and Lessons,	Grammar,
Xenophon's Anabasis	Xenophon's Anabasis.
(2 books.)	

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic,	Arithmetic,
Elementary Algebra.	Algebra,
	Geometry.

GEOGRAPHY.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

FRESHMAN YEAR.

LATIN.

Prose Composition,	Prose Composition,
Livy,	Livy,
Odes of Horace.	Odes of Horace.

GREEK.

Grammar,	Composition,
Xenophon's Memorabilia	Herodotus,
Homer's Iliad,	Homer's Iliad.
Acts of the Apostles,	
Classical Literature.	

GERMAN.

Grammar,	Grammar,
with written Exercises.	with Exercises.
Schiller's William Tell.	Reader.

MATHEMATICS.

Algebra,	Algebra,
Geometry (concluded).	Geometry,
	Plane Trigonometry.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.

Ancient History,	Ancient History, Lectures
History of the Middle Ages,	and Recitations,
Physical Geography.	Physical Geography.

RHETORIC AND ELOCUTION.

Hart's Punctuation,	Rhetoric,
Diction,	Composition,
Words and their Uses,	Declamation.
Composition,	
Elementary Elocution,	
Principles of Pronunciation.	

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

LATIN.

Satires and Epistles of Horace,	Satires of Horace,
Cicero de Oratore,	Eclogues of Virgil,
Cicero, Tusculan Disputations.	Cicero de Oratore,
	Latin Composition.

GREEK.

Greek Prose,	Plato's Apology,
Herodotus,	Plato's Crito,
Demosthenes de Corona,	Demosthenes de Corona.
Plato's Apology of Socrates.	

GERMAN.

Schiller's Thirty Years' War,	Reader,
Selections in Prose and Poetry,	Schiller's Wilhelm Tell.
The New Testament.	

MATHEMATICS.

Trigonometry,	Spherical Trigonometry,
Analytical Geometry,	Analytical Geometry,
Surveying and Navigation,	Surveying and Navigation.
Differential Calculus.	

HISTORY.

Modern History, History of the Middle
Biblical Antiquities. Ages,
Modern History,
The Science of History,
Lectures and Recita-
tions.

NATURAL SCIENCE.

Inorganic and Organic Botany, with work in the
Chemistry,—Experi- field.
ments and recitations.
Botany, with field work.

ENGLISH.

Study of Words, English Literature,
Hart's Rhetoric, Composition,
Sentences, Figures, Declamation.
Style, Versification, etc.
Composition.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

JUNIOR YEAR.

PSYCHOLOGY.

Porter's Intellectual Sci- Rauch's Psychology,
ence, Lectures. Porter's Human Intellect.

LOGIC.

Atwater's Manual. Beck's Logic (Gerhart).

LATIN.

Tacitus, Germania, Cicero de Senectute,
Tacitus, Agricola, Agricola and Germania of
Juvenal. Tacitus,
Histories of Tacitus.

GREEK.

Select Tragedies, Greek Drama.
The New Testament,
Arrian's Anabasis.

MATHEMATICS.

Integral Calculus, Loomis' Calculus.
Analytical Mechanics.

PHYSICS.

Hydrodynamics, Deschanel's Natural Phil-
Pneumatics, Acoustics, osophy.
Optics, Electricity, and
Magnetism.

NATURAL SCIENCE.

Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry.
etc.
Comparative Zoology.

ÆSTHETICS.

The Study of Beauty, Lectures, with Recita-
Criticism, and the tions.
Fine Arts.

GERMAN.

Heyse's Grammar Goethe's Faust,
(entirely German.) Selections from the Poets.

HISTORY.

History of Civilization. Lectures on Modern His-
tory.

ENGLISH.

Science of Language, English Literature,
Study of Selections, Lectures on American
Composition, Literature,
Bacon's Manuel of Ges- Composition,
ture. Declamation.

FRENCH.

During the Junior and Senior
years two of the Languages
may be omitted.

SENIOR YEAR.

ETHICS.

Gregory's Christian Eth- Lectures on Ethics and
ics, with Lectures, Social Science, with
Social Science, Recitations.
Gillett's Moral System.

LATIN.

Terence, Tacitus,
Persius. Terence.

GREEK.

Pindar, Select Tragedies,
Selections, Pindar,
The New Testament. Select Passages.

GERMAN.

Translations from Gold- Composition,
smith's Vicar of Wake- Lectures on German Lit-
field. erature.

ENGLISH.

English Literature, Original Orations,
American Literature, Lectures on English Lit-
erature,
Philosophy of English Literature, Lectures on the History
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Senior Orations.

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ASTRONOMY. ASTRONOMY.

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GEOLOGY. GEOLOGY.

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY. HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY.

SCIENCE OF RELIGION. ARCHÆOLOGY.

HEBREW.

FRENCH.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

COLLEGIATE.

Calvin Institute, Cleveland, O., has been formally transferred to Erie Classis by the Central (German) Synod. Although the Synod was no longer willing to carry the responsibility of its support, the immediate friends of the school believe that it has a mission for the future, and will strive to maintain it.

President Williard, of *Heidelberg College*, Tiffin, O., who is putting forth unflagging effort to pay for the new \$50,000 building of the College by the time of its completion in June next, was recently treated to a \$1,000 check under his breakfast plate by a friend at whose house he had spent the night. The doctor offers to feast on such a breakfast every morning for a month, if his friends are willing to cater to his appetite for cash in that fashion.

Rev. S. S. Rickley, of Columbus, O., also has donated \$500 to the College, to be invested in a special way in the new building in memory of Rev. Henry Williard, a deceased brother of the president.

TWO MORE APOSTASIES TO POPERY.

The Lancaster (Pa.) *Daily Examiner*, of December 21st, ult., publishes the following:—

At vespers in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Sunday, Frank Schoedler and Felix Baum made a public profession of faith and were baptised by Rev. A. F. Kaul. Schoedler is the son of a Reformed minister, and a member of the Junior Class of *Franklin and Marshall College*. He is a fine musician and is now organist of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Baum, who is a junior in the Reformed Theological Seminary, is a fine linguist, speaking five languages. It is hardly necessary to say that this action of the young men has created considerable excitement in college circles.

MINISTERIAL.

Gross, L. P., installed at Kentland, O.

Gring, J., died at Lebanon, Pa., 13th ult.

Yundt, Thomas, settled at Wyandotte, Kansas.

Frieck, H., ordained and accepts call to Garner, Iowa.

Huber, T. A., removed from Monroe Co., to Bangor, Northampton Co., Pa.

DeGeller, Eug., has been dismissed by San Francisco Classis to Trinity Presbytery, Texas.

Lohman, A. G., removed from Diller, Neb., to Sabitha, Kansas.

Weinard, P., removed from South West, Ind., to Swanton, Fulton Co., O.

Waldecker, C. F., dismissed by San Francisco Classis to Presbytery of Oregon.

Lahr, L. B. C., removed from Kinnikkinnik, to Canal Winchester, O.

Zipf, G. C., has taken charge of First (German) Church, Chicago, Ill. Address, 181 Hastings St.

Tobey, W. O., received from Presbytery of Carlisle, and accepted a call to White Pigeon, Mich.

Voegelin, J., has returned from Europe and taken charge of the German Church in Frankford, Philadelphia.

Whitmer, A. C., resigns Mifflinburg, Pa., to accept missionary superintendency of the Tri-Synodic Board.

Rust, J. B., Waynesburg, O., accepts a call to First (German) Church, Canton, O., as successor to the venerable Dr. Herbruck.

Grant, James, Bradensville, Westmoreland Co., Pa., has had his home destroyed by fire, and will thankfully receive help from the churches.

Grosenbaugh, L., Three Rivers, Michigan, having connected himself with the M. E. Church without a dismissal, has been stricken from the roll of ministers by St. Joseph's Classis.

CONGREGATIONAL.

QUARTER CENTENNIAL.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. George Wolff, D. D., of the Reformed Church at Myerstown, Pa., was celebrated on Friday, the 1st inst. Introductory services were held on Wednesday and Thursday nights preceding, Rev. H. Mosser, of Reading, a native of Myerstown, preaching on the first night, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Lebanon, on the second, Dr. I. K. Loos, of Bethlehem, who was also raised at Myerstown, not being able to fill his engagement on the second night. The anniversary services on New Year's Day commenced at ten o'clock and lasted until

1.30. An "Address of Welcome" was delivered by Prof. S. M. Hemperly, of Myers-town, to which Rev. H. Mosser responded. On account of the recent shock to Dr. Wolff's health, the "Historical Report" of the pastorate was read by Rev. M. H. Groh, though Dr. Wolff was present at all the services of the occasion. Rev. H. T. Spangler, of Collegeville, paid a brief "Tribute to the Pastor," after which Rev. D. U. Wolff, of New Oxford, Pa., son of the pastor, spoke in memory of the departed, on the "Living Dead." Rev. M. H. Groh, of Landisburg, Pa., pointed the lessons of the occasion for the future, using for a subject, "Whereunto may this Work Grow?" The last three speakers are sons of the congregation, and were confirmed by Dr. Wolff. Rev. William Groh, Boalsburg, Pa., a native of the community, made the closing remarks. Appropriate hymns and selections by the choir gave variety to the exercises of the day. At least 400 persons out of the 795 received into the fellowship of the congregation by Dr. Wolff, were present on the occasion. On New Year's night the Sunday-school anniversary was held, at which Prof. A. M. Tice, '74, now of Lebanon, read an admirably-prepared history of the school, and Prof. J. M. Lisse, '75, of Palatinate College, and Mr. J. W. Meminger, '84, of the Theol. Dept. of Ursinus College, made addresses. On Saturday afternoon German preparatory services were held, at which Rev. H. Lisse, a theological alumnus of '73, since that time pastor at Orwigsburg, Pa., preached the sermon. In the evening Rev. M. H. Groh, '74, preached the English preparatory sermon. On Sunday morning, at German communion, Rev. William Groh preached, and in the evening, at English communion, Rev. H. T. Spangler, '73. Though an unusual time for this congregation to observe the Holy Supper, about 400 out of a total membership of 600, were in their places. Twenty-one new members were added to the church on the last Sunday of the old year.

During the twenty-five years' pastorate at Myerstown, Dr. Wolff supplied the Womelsdorf church for 18 years, Mt. Ætna, 18 years, and Rohrsburg, 2 years, preached

about 3,500 times, and delivered 2,000 lectures and addresses. This venerable servant of the Lord has enjoyed a ministry of thirty-seven and a half years in the Reformed Church, has always been abundant in labors, and is still bringing forth fruit in old age.

Bender's (Union) Church, Adams Co., Pa., M. H. Sangree, Reformed pastor, the record of which dates from 1787, was remodeled last summer at a cost of \$1,675, and was rededicated in November.

Zion's Reformed (German) Church, Buffalo, N. Y., organized in 1845, has recently dedicated its second house of worship.

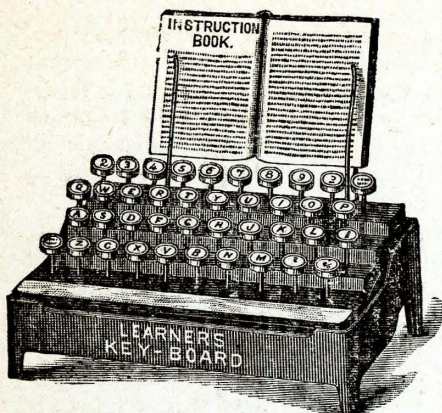
The Union Church at Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa., A. J. Herman, Reformed pastor, has celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of its organization.

St. Mark's Chapel, a mission of the First Church, Lebanon, Pa., F. W. Kremer, D.D., pastor, was dedicated December 13. Revs. W. C. Shaeffer, T. S. Johnston, D.D., and G. Resser took part in the services. The First Church has presented the mission with a sweet-toned bell cast in London in 1796.

The Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, R. F. Kelker, Esq., Harrisburg, Pa., reports receipts amounting to \$1,462.15, from September 23 to November 17, in which are included a legacy of \$200, and \$200 for the female seminary in Japan.

The program for the "week of prayer" for 1886 is as follows:—

- SUNDAY, January 3:
Sermon, "Occupy till I come." *Luke* 19: 13.
- MONDAY, January 4:
Praise and thanksgiving.
- TUESDAY, January 5:
Humiliation and confession.
- WEDNESDAY, January 6:
Home and foreign missions.
- THURSDAY, January 7:
The Church and the family.
- FRIDAY, January 8:
Nations and governments.
- SATURDAY, January 9:
The Christian life.
- SUNDAY, January 10:
Sermon, *Luke* 12: 35, 36.



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